

Global Broadcast Service (GBS)

Description

GBS is a smart-push/user-pull satellite communications system that will provide large volumes of information to deployed, or garrison forces. The system is composed of a space segment, a transmit suite and receive suites. The receive suites will receive and disseminate global broadcasts, at up to 24 megabits-per-second, of classified and unclassified standard information products. Products range from imagery, intelligence, video, and theater message traffic, to Joint and service-unique news, weather, and Morale Welfare and Recreation programming.

The receive suites will be either Fixed Ground Receive Suites (FGRS) or Transportable Ground Receive Suites (TGRS).

Operational Impact

Receive suites, which provide near worldwide information access, will be fielded to Marine Expeditionary Forces, division and regiment levels.

Program Status

This Joint, US Air Force led, program is currently in a Pre-Milestone III status. It is scheduled for operational testing and a production decision in FY02. The Marine Corps plans to begin fielding in FY04

<i>Procurement Profile:</i>		<i>FY01</i>	<i>FY02</i>
	<i>Quantity:</i>	0	0

Developer/Manufacturer

Raytheon